



The Bigger Snip

Project #

22-7001

County: Anne Arundel County

Number of Cats Spayed: 273

Number of Dogs Spayed: 37

Number of Cats Neutered: 267

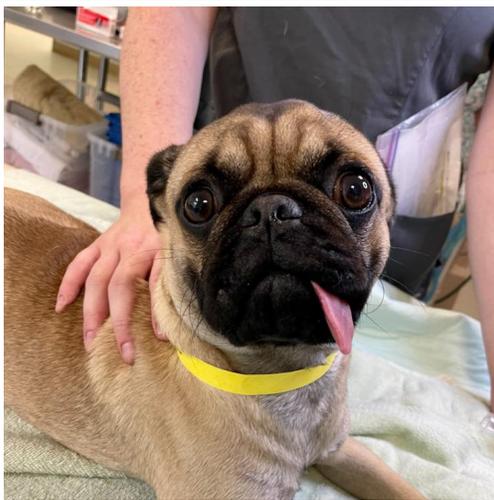
Number of Dogs Neutered: 24

Amount Received: \$38,467.00

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

We successfully completed this grant cycle with the exact number of cats (540) and higher number of dogs (61) than was proposed (which was 55). Copying and pasting from the award letter: "This will provide \$38,467.00 to spay 315 female cats, neuter 225 male cats, spay 32 female dogs and neuter 23 male dogs. This will also provide 594 rabies vaccines and \$252.00 for mileage." As per discussion with Jen Swanson, administrator of this funded, we were permitted to use out cat neuter numbers (267-225 = 42) to apply to the cat spays (273 +42 = 315) to reach our 540 total cat number.



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Project Description:

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue is relaunched a prior 2019 and 2020 MDA project (The Big Snip) to reduce the number of homeless and unwanted animals from Brooklyn Park (zip code 21225) and Glen Burnie (21061) turned into the Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control facility and other shelters in Anne Arundel County MD. This goal will be accomplished through an aggressive, targeted campaign to spay/neuter animals belonging to individuals and families in three targeted area /zip codes of Anne Arundel County that has high owner surrender and abandonment rates and the majority of the residents are on some form of public assistance - Brooklyn Park and Glen Burnie zip codes. Statistically, the higher the poverty rate in a given area, the less likely that pets will be spayed or neutered.

Summary of Approach:

Initially, Spay Spa & Neuter Nook, local homeless advocates and volunteers met with building managers in several low income housing complexes. Tenants that were known to have unaltered pets were identified for out reach. AACACC will identify multiple specific areas/addresses with high surrenders and abandonment of pets, specifically litters of puppies and kittens. Some of the cats and dogs were probably originally from back alleys. These areas are verified as a low income area and placed on the outreach list. Homeless Advocates and Volunteers conduct bi-monthly outreach to residents identified above. During outreach, residents receive information about spay/neuter, benefits, etc. (They are also reminded it is in the lease). The pets are then scheduled for pickup/surgery.

Accomplishments:

We were able to complete the grant, with one 3 month extension and another 1 month extension after that - and perform all of the proposed cat and dog surgeries. We were even able to do more dog surgeries than proposed and covered all of the expenses for those surgeries as a good faith gesture to our funding supporter, MDA. The last month of surgeries to bring this grant to a close are attached to this final report.



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Lessons Learned:

We are still learning about the best ways to get low-income residents in MD to open their doors and homes to us to get their animals spayed or neutered. We have used facebook and boots on the ground volunteers to do outreach but we are finding that word of mouth is really the secret sauce. More folks came forward for support, and, once confirmed that they were eligible, were provided service through the grant.

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